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Lavon Says Histadrut Role Vital in Economy

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The Histadrut's new approach to old problems was credited by Secretary-General Pinhas Lavon as being the factor which enabled the Federation to maintain its central role as the implementing instrument of the Zionist idea. This must continue, so that the Histadrut may fulfill its share of the historic partnership among the State, world Jewry and the Labour Movement, he declared.

Mr. Lavon addressed the opening session of the first part of the ninth Mapai Convention at the Main Auditorium here. About nine on the platform sat the entire leadership of Mapai, led by the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, the Party's Knesset faction, the Party's officials in the Histadrut and the Jewish Agency, as well as the Kibbutz leader, representatives of Mapam, Ahudut Ha'avoda and Oved Hatzion, and Arab MKs.

In the flag-decked hall sat over 1,900 delegates and representatives of the U.S., Britain and Ghana Embassies.

Foreign Visitors

Visitors from abroad included Mr. R.H.S. Crossman, M.P., Dr. M. Perera, Head of the Ceylonese Parliamentary Opposition, members of the International Congress of Workers Sports, a delegation of Ceylonese leaders, the Burma Army Study Group, and brightly-clad members of the Socialist Youth Seminar.

Mr. Lavon declared that Mapai enjoyed the support of the majority of the Histadrut's 850,000 members because "we only make those promises we know we can keep," unlike others especially Ahudut Ha'avoda and Mapam, which he said were not parties but sects.

He said the interests of these two groups in their kibbutz movements were suppressed, while Mapai was the only one that "deep roots in all levels of our society and which did not look to 'other worlds.'

Despite the determination of the opposition, he said, the Histadrut had fulfilled two requirements: building up the material and guiding the social interests of the worker and his living standards, he said. Pouncing the opposition charge that "workers' living standards were being depressed," Mr. Lavon declared that Mapai had always stood by the slogan, "What's good for the country's economy is to the benefit of the workers."

Yields Results

This platform has borne fruit, he said, in the continual rise in the gross national product. The real net output per worker between 1950-58 rose from ILR30 to ILR62, or from 100 percent to 167 percent he said.

In famine the figure rose from ILR34 in 1949 to ILR415 in 1958, 100 per cent to 222 per cent. Industry output rose from ILR20 in 1950 to ILR182 in 1958, or from 100 to 166 per cent.

Moreover, under the Histadrut, under Mapai leadership had contributed toward the maximum stability of currency and prices by its biennial collective bargaining contracts, wage restraint and reward for ability, thereby stabilizing the real value of workers' wages.

Mr. Lavon rejected claims that wages were too high. Fully realizing that "times were hard" for many, on the whole standards had risen over the past four years, he said.

Surveys showed that the average male worker's monthly wage rose from IL244 in 1957 to IL313 in 1958, he said; for the woman worker's pay from IL196 in 1957 to IL206 in 1958, and working youth gained an increase from IL45 in 1957 to IL55 in 1958. These figures excluded many fringe benefits.

Mr. Lavon noted a similar rise in wages of industrial workers, from IL211 in 1955 to IL285 in 1958—35 percent. Last year wages comprised 80 per cent of the national income.

Forecasting Power

Mr. Lavon continued his analysis by comparing the purchasing power of Israeli workers to those of other countries. The Israeli could buy for one hour's work 5.15 kilos of wheat bread compared to 2.97 in Britain, 2.08 in West Germany and 2.60 in Sweden. Our worker could buy 0.22 kilos of meat while those in Britain, West Germany and Sweden were better off.

Forecasting that this position would not worsen in 1959, due to "restricted wage rates" and "gradual decline despite certain rises in prices," Mr. Lavon said that in social welfare benefits, the Histadrut had achieved much for the worker.

The social benefits now comprising 20 per cent of total workers' wages, 34 per cent for employees in Histadrut concerns, and 21 per cent in farming. Over 300,000 workers were certain of pensions.

These achievements, Mr. Lavon said, disproved the opposition's claims of "depre-

ESHKOL: Self-Sufficiency Attainable Soon

TEL AVIV.—According to Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Israel's two million population can become self-supporting "easily enough" by exporting an additional 280m. worth of goods yearly.

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Social Patterns

There was no need for us to look elsewhere for ideologies, for we in this country have succeeded in creating social and economic patterns which had solved the problems of a society of free-working society without the heads or annihilating individual freedom; a society where 60 per cent of the means of production was in the hands of the State, workers and public bodies," he declared.

Mr. Lavon said he believed that the time had come when all had reached the nearest approach to the ideal of a Socialist society.

Turning to the Histadrut economic sector, Mr. Lavon declared that following the reorganization of Solel Boneh, the convention would have to approve the reform committee's reforms for Tira, Hamashbir Hamerkaz and the cooperative sector. Also, it would have to introduce proper public control over the transport cooperatives, he said.

He stressed that Mapai had not intended to abolish the cooperative method in trans-

port.

Aim of Reforms

The main aim of the organizational reforms was to ensure that the enterprises would be in the service of the State and members, he said. In the coming four years, the Histadrut would have to concentrate on this aspect and on affording means for the fact that the Histadrut economy was their own, and employees the feeling that the plants belonged to them.

Mr. Lavon declared that there were five basic principles by which the Histadrut functioned:

It was not just an ordinary trade union movement. It included all workers in its ranks, from street cleaners to the university professor. It was not just the organization of an existing working class but prepared for those who were yet to come.

Colonel Stapp, Director of the Aero-Medical Laboratory, Wright Field, Ohio, made this statement in an interview published by Life Magazine.

Sophie Tucker, Lehman On Way to Israel

NEW YORK (Reuters).—Sophie Tucker, the 71-year-old original "Red Hot Momma" in the liner Queen Mary on Wednesday for Israel to dedicate the "Sophie Tucker Youth Centre" at Tel Aviv.

Miss Tucker told reporters she would stay for the Passover holiday in Jerusalem and then go on to Rome, where she hoped to have an audience with Pope John.

Former Senator Herbert Lehman also left for Israel with his wife for a 12-day visit at the invitation of the Israeli Government.

Pretoria Supreme Court Acquits 441 Africans

PRETORIA (Reuters).—The Supreme Court here has upheld appeals by 441 African women against sentences imposed on them for taking part in a procession protesting against the issue of reference (identity) books to African women.

A Johannesburg magistrate had sentenced each to a fine of £10 or three weeks' imprisonment.

Convictions and sentences were set aside by Justice W. Downing. Justice J. H. Snyders, who is a member of the French Socialist leader, M. Guy Mollet, who is expected to visit this country shortly. Mr. Sharrett extended greetings in Arabic to Arab delegations, on the end of his round and felicitations in English to the Ceylonese leader, Dr. Perera.

The convention cheered when he announced that Mapai had received 84.5 per cent of votes to the Haifa P.E.C. Works Committee.



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Dalai Lama Leaves on First Stage of Journey to Delhi

SHILLONG, Assam.—The Dalai Lama rode out of Tawang monastery on a morsom pony on Wednesday to begin a five-day trek which will bring him down from the Himalayas to the plains of Assam.

Official sources here said it would take the Tibetan ruler about five days to cover the 60 miles from Tawang, close to the Tibetan border, to the small town of Bomdila, where he is likely to rest for one or two days before going on by jeep to the town of Foothill.

According to a wireless message received here from Tawang, the Dalai Lama and all the town's inhabitants on Wednesday at a special audience in the monastery, where he had been resting after his grueling 15-day journey from Lhasa.

Authoritative sources said he had been taken in this matter nor was it in fact requested by the Israeli Government.

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Today's Postbag**The Weather**

FORECAST: Partly cloudy, with high clouds. Temperatures will be higher than normal. In the interior and hill regions, it will be dry.

Sea Coast	10	8	6	4
Gaza Port	25	20	15	10
Hula Port	25	20	15	10
Natanya	25	20	15	10
Tel Aviv Kirya	25	20	15	10
Tel Aviv Port	25	20	15	10
Tel Aviv-Yafo	25	20	15	10
Jerusalem	25	20	15	10
Haifa	25	20	15	10
Bnei Brak	25	20	15	10
Average temp. at 8 p.m. B.M.	25	20	15	10
(D) Maximum temp. ex-				
posed today.				

ARRIVALS

Mr. Morris Tov, of the Foreign Ministry, after spending six weeks in New York as member of the Foreign delegation to the U.N. (by H. Al).

Mr. Y. Furman, First Vice-President of the Palestine Economic Council, arrived in Tel Aviv with the P.E.C.'s participation in the purchase of the Haifa-Elat oil pipeline, (by H.E.A.).

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Sherman, from London, arrived in Tel Aviv in the Sherman Building (for Administration) on the Hebrew University campus, to take place next Wednesday.

Mr. Meyer Steinmann, National Director of Public Relations for Israel Bonds, from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rothbaum, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levy of Parsippany, N.J., and Mrs. Vera Cohen, Israeli Bond City Manager in New Jersey, for a two-week survey of development.

Mr. K. Felsenman, of the Daa Hotel management, from Berlin. (by H. Al).

Mr. S. Rosenblum, Managing Director of the Shlomo Company, from Europe, on company matters. (by H. Al)

DEPARTURES

Prof. Theodore Winnick, head of the Biochemistry Section at the Weizmann Institute, for the U.S., to speak at a meeting of the American Chemical Society for Experimental Biology, to be held in Atlantic City, and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Winnick, co-author of the paper.

CURRENCY — In circulation during the week ending Tuesday by IL13,805,718, the Bank of Israel reported on Wednesday. Gold reserves rose by IL805; foreign currency by IL2,915 and Treasury bills and Government promissory notes by IL11,882,000.

9,315 TOURISTS visited Israel during March, as compared with 7,818 during the same month last year. The Government Tourist Corporation has announced.

ALL VISITS by local residents to the Weissmann Institute have been suspended during April and May (except those pre-arranged through the Institute's public relations department). Due to the large number of tourists and visitors from abroad expected during these two months, the Institute has announced.

Imports from Germany Allowed Outside of Reparations Scheme

TEL AVIV.—Israel businessmen are for the first time placing orders for investment goods with German firms outside the reparations agreement. Ambassador F. Shinhar, head of the Reparations Mission in Cologne, revealed at a luncheon given in his honour Wednesday by the Foreign Press Association.

Since April 1, reparations deliveries passed the half-million mark with a total value of 1,100,000 tons of goods, worth \$400m. Dr. Shinhar said, "Israel is now looking ahead and planning for the time the Agreement comes to an end."

"The aim is to develop normal trade relations with Germany," he said. "The German industry that Israel is a normal customer as any other."

As a first step, said Dr. Shinhar, orders hitherto made within the framework of the Reparations Agreement are being converted to the DM-10,000 (about IL5,000), may now be placed directly with German suppliers. He estimated that such orders would total DM8m. or IL10m. annually.

German firms are also giving Israel credit for the establishment of a few major development enterprises. Underwritten by the Hermes Insurance Company, a West German Government enter-

prise, they will be used for extension of the electricity network and the establishment of a diesel engine plant, phosphoric acid plant, and a sulfuric acid plant. Credit will be granted in stages 10 per cent at the placing of the order, a further 10 per cent at the time of delivery, and the rest over five years, to be repaid at between 6% and 7 per cent over five years in semi-annual instalments.

Dr. Shinhar said that so far 45,000 orders have been delivered under the Reparations Agreement, apart from British-supplied crude oil, which accounted for a third of all reparations payments.

Israel Exports

Israel now exports some \$10m. worth of goods to Germany annually, mostly citrus fruit and other agricultural products. Dr. Shinhar estimated that by 1965/6, when the Reparations Agreement ends, Israel exports to Germany will have doubled. Citrus shipments are today limited to one million boxes annually because Israel has no more fruit available.

He further reckoned that by then Israel would have to purchase some \$30m. worth of goods a year from Germany in the form of spare parts and additional equipment for plants operating with Reparations goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Sussman of Jerusalem are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter,

MIRIAM DAPHNE

daughter to Bernard and Sarah Farber, 530 West 23rd St., New York, 10, N.Y. on April 8, 1955.

Abigail Bawly

Zeev Luz

MARRIED

Horsky-Pinsker 8.4.1955 Rehovot

The unveiling of the tombstone in memory of our beloved mother

HANNA ALKALAY

will take place on the thirtieth day after her passing on April 12, 1955, 3 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

THE FAMILY

This is the only intimation.

Knesset Recess for Passover After Passing Memorial Day Bill

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset on Wednesday rose for a six-week Passover recess. Its Summer Term will begin on May 25 and, according to the Speaker, Mr. Nahum Nir, will last until the end of August or even the middle of September, when it will adjourn for the elections.

As its last legislative act of the Winter Term, the Knesset unanimously passed the third reading of the Bill on a Memorial Day for the Holocaust and its Heroes. To mark the special nature of the bill, Members signed their names by rising in their seats.

The Bill, proclaiming the 27th of Nissan as a national day of remembrance, was adopted by the House. It provides that every year on that day two minutes' silence shall be observed and work come to a halt throughout the country. Memorial assemblies will be held at army camps and educational institutions, flags will be lowered to half-mast, and appropriate radio programmes broadcast.

Municipal Elections

In order to enact, before the recess, the necessary provisions governing municipal elections, the Law Committee voted to extract from the amendment No. 10 to the Municipalities Ordinance all sections of an urgent nature, and returned these to the House under the name "Municipal Election Law (Temporary Provisions)."

Even so, the Knesset session had to be postponed from 10 a.m. till noon because the committee had not completed its work. The bill was first read on Monday. In its revised form, it passed its second and third readings in the Knesset yesterday.

The controversial section providing that municipal elections be held every four years, instead of every four, will be considered by the committee after the recess. An important change made

Govt-Bus Co-ops Now Working Together

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The stage has been reached where the bus cooperatives and the Ministry of Transport can work together effectively, the Minister, Mr. Meir Shamai, told the 10th anniversary meeting of the Dan Bus Company Council.

He was introducing the Ministry's projected plan to establish a research institute to study road and rail transportation problems and long-term planning. The institute will utilise the experience of Technion and Ministry engineers and members of the cooperatives, he said.

Carmel Warns Speeding Taxi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—A steward doing 100 k.p.h. on Thursday overtook the car of the Minister of Transport, Mr. Meir Shamai, on the built-up area, on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. In overtaking another car, the taxi very nearly collided with an oncoming bus.

Mr. Carmel put his foot on the gas and, driving at 105 k.p.h., caught the taxi driver and signaled him to stop.

"I am not a policeman, and I will not give your number to the police," the Minister told the driver, "but my friend, what are you doing driving like that?"

The driver apologised and continued on his way at normal speed.

The Minister related the story of his car at his appearance before the Dan Bus Company's Council, of which he had driven from Jerusalem to attend.

Temporary Guardians For Yuval Goetzler

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Two temporary guardians were appointed by the District Court on Wednesday for seven-year-old Yuval Goetzler, who survived the tragic night of April 1 when his mother, two sisters and brother were murdered by his father, who was committed suicide.

Applications to be appointed guardian were submitted by Mrs. Tamar Barak, a Ministry of Social Welfare supervisor, and Dr. Haim Berend, a Jerusalem dentist who was a friend of the family.

The shopkeepers were appearing before the Knesset Economic Committee in Jerusalem to plead for Government action to break up the cartels.

They charged that some of the bakeries were over paid a percentage of the other plants' earnings in order not to operate.

It was also objected that the price of the product was set so high that the retailers' mark-up was kept below 10 per cent (the retail price is fixed). Moreover, the retailer was not permitted to choose his source of supply, it was said.

REFINERIES UP OUTPUT 10%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The refineries, now operating at about a third of capacity, will this year produce 1,250,000 tons of petroleum products, about 10 percent more than last year, the new manager, Mr. Avigdor Barzil, told the press on Wednesday.

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BERLIN unites — German
divides: this rule applies to German internal
politics no less than to international
politics.

SPLIT IN GERMANY politics. As long as there
was only a Berlin crisis,

that is from last November to January, there was a rare state of all-party unity in West Germany. The German parties, like the Western allies, had no difficulty in agreeing on a firm policy of "no retreat from Berlin." Since Germany and European security have been substituted for Berlin as the chief international issue, there are not only serious differences of view among the Western allies, but the German parties, too, are again deeply and bitterly divided.

Division has indeed become deeper than ever since the Social Democrats published their "Plan for Germany," with which the chief West German opposition party has reversed its policy of many years' standing and declared itself in favour of a 50 per cent Communist representation in future all-German bodies. Hitherto the differences between the Government and opposition on the German question had been about method rather than aim; now they pursue opposed aims. Hitherto the opposition had believed in disengagement as the best road to freedom for all Germans, while the Government had hoped to reach this aim, more slowly but more surely, by strengthening the Western alliance. Now the Social Democrats have renounced the aim of freedom for all Germans, and are prepared to accept unity without freedom, indeed even with the extreme probability of Communist domination.

In terms of internal Socialist Democrat politics, it has replaced the tradition of Kurt Schumacher, who in the early post-war absolutely rejected a deal with the Communists, by that of Otto Grotewohl, who at that same time accepted fusion with the Communists on a parity basis, with the results that can be studied in East Germany today. From being fundamentally allied with the Christian Democrats against the Communists, on a basis of democracy, even at the price of German division, the West German Social Democrats have now gone over to a basic alliance with the Communists against the Christian Democrats on a basis of German unity at any price.

Attempts to patch up the damage and throw bridges across the gulf that has been opened are being made by the Christian Democrat leader, Eugen Gerstenmaier, Speaker of the Bundestag, and one of the leading candidates to succeed Dr. Adenauer as Chancellor, who in his broadcast last night emphasized that, by deciding to stand for the Presidency, he was not handing over the reins of Government, and that there would be no change in West German policy.

In the present election campaign in two West German states (Lower Saxony and Rhineland-Palatinate) will elect their new Diet on April 19 Dr. Adenauer seems to have made the Social Democrat plan the main plank of his campaign. He clearly hopes that this plan will backfire against him, just as in the same way as the Social Democrat anti-atomic campaign did in North Rhine-Westphalia last summer.

The outcome of the two State elections will therefore have an unusual importance in German politics. Another serious defeat of the Social Democrats would confirm Dr. Adenauer's hold on the Christian Democrats despite his departure as Chancellor and would amount to a defeat of the more "conciliatory" left-wing of the party. If, on the other hand, the Social Democrats should do well, the Christian Democrats would be threatened with a split between the two schools of thought of "make or break," represented by Dr. Adenauer, and of "least said soonest mended," represented particularly by Gerstenmaier.

Rosenne Asks Friendly Ties with Bulgaria

Demands Right of Respect for Israel Flag Everywhere

By HENRIETTE BOAS
AMSTERDAM

At the conclusion of his rejoinder to Bulgaria's Preliminary Objections to Israel's El Al disaster claim before the International Court at The Hague Mr. Shabtai Rosenne referred on Friday to the desire for the re-establishment of friendly relations between Israel and Bulgaria which had been expressed the previous day by M. Pierre Cot on behalf of Bulgaria.

"I can assure the learned Agent of the People's Republic of Bulgaria," Mr. Rosenne said, "that the Government of Israel shares these sentiments and hopes that a way will be found to enable the tragic incident to be closed."

He continued that Bulgaria's hearing of Bulgaria's Preliminary Objections. The President announced that the Agents would be informed of the date of the Court's decision later, and the members of the Court left the room. Then the three members of the Bulgarian delegation came up to their five Israeli colleagues and shook hands with them warmly, taking temporary leave of them as genuine friends. It reminded us of the scene in the synagogue at the end of the Day of Atonement service, when former enemies shake hands and part as true friends, at least for the time being.

Still in Force

Like M. Cot, whose summing up had preceded his on Wednesday, Mr. Rosenne, in his rejoinder, dealt most extensively with Bulgaria's First Objection. He reiterated that although Bulgaria had not yet been a member of the U.N. at the time of the El Al disaster, it was bound to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice on the strength of its declaration of 1921 in which it had accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of the League of Nations.

The words "and which are still in force" of article 26, paragraph five of the Statute of the Court were at the heart of the present case. Mr. Rosenne argued. They meant that all declarations still in force on the Charter date, October 24, 1945, including that of Bulgaria, were "deemed to be the acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court" and the San Francisco Conference did not want to differentiate with respect to the compulsory jurisdiction of this Court between states that were not yet members of the U.N. at the time of the Charter. Mr. Rosenne supported his view with many legal arguments. Like M. Cot in his rejoinder, so also Mr. Rosenne in his was very brief on the Second Objection, in view of the Court's earlier judgment in the Interwar period.

Regarding the admissions of Objections Three, Four, and Five, which Bulgaria had not presented in full before the date of expiry, December 8, 1958, but only in a succinct

cable, Mr. Rosenne said that he had carefully considered what Professor Cot had said on this question on Wednesday, as well as his conciliatory tone. Israel maintained its view that article 82 of the Rules of Court had not been breached, and that the non-compliance had seriously prejudiced the preparation of his pleadings. He could not agree that he was being for unrealistic in taking this attitude. But Israel too wanted to make a concession, he said:

"The Court reaches the conclusion that it must accept Objection One, then I maintain my submissions that Objection Three, Four and Five are inadmissible under my interpretation of the objection in their inadmissibility is priority over all the other objections. If, however, as I hope, the Court will accept One should be dismissed, then I am prepared not to press for a decision on the admissibility of Objections Three, Four and Five."

As to Objection Three, Mr. Rosenne again denied that the actions complained of came within the exclusive jurisdiction of Bulgaria. The dispute was not about the entry of 4K-ACK into Bulgarian airspace, but about the fact that Bulgaria, armed forces, had acted in haste and without taking all necessary measures when protecting its sovereignty, and about the subsequent attitude of the Bulgarian Government. A State cannot plead its domestic law as a defence to an international claim.

Regarding Objection Four, the non-exhaustion of local remedies, Mr. Rosenne reiterated that the Bulgarian tribunals were not competent to grant the relief sought or even to consider the issues raised as the Bulgarian armed forces, acting jointly with the State of Israel as a State. He denied Professor Cot's argument that Israel's claim was really one of diplomatic protection, not based upon direct injury to the State.

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Moreover, noted Mr. Rosenne, there was as yet no evidence that those responsible for destroying 4K-ACK had been condemned criminally, despite the Bulgarian Government's undertaking to identify and punish the culprable persons, and Israel had no knowledge of the identity of those persons, he stated, adding:

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Ramat Hasharon, April 1.

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

Aspersions Cast on Army

If a member of the opposition has mentioned in the Knesset something unfavourable about the Army such as the fact that an officer submitted a misleading report some two months ago, writes Habakuk (General Zionist), the Minister of Defense would have chided him had actually borne the main financial damage, he wanted the Court to issue a declaration that the Government of Israel was not entitled to defend the claims of foreigners against Bulgaria. Mr. Rosenne concluded:

In the course of these strenuous proceedings, we may have seen ourselfe — both sides — over areas of international law, and have also gingerly probed into areas of private law. But let us not lose sight of what the case is about. We have brought this case to vindicate the rights which the Government of Israel claims are its own — the right of the air force to fly and drop and plant flags and to do so should not be destroyed by two years after the date of an aircraft disaster.

Israel had in all probability instituted such action by this time. Bulgaria did not deny the rights of the tanks, but opposed the principle of subrogation of the rights of insurance companies.

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When the premises were last inspected by us on March 12, not a single motor or appliance had yet been installed, and therefore no electric power could be supplied.

Yours etc.
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Haifa, March 29.

PEN FRIENDS

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